

## Experiments:

### 1. Normal algorithm with variance in the environment

How does the original algorithm do when changing the variance?

→ compare on each environment with different reward variance means, with `rew_var_var = None`  
(can do 1 graph for each a.1, b.1, b.2, c.1, c.2)

#### a. Sparse environment

1. `rew_var_mean_ter = None`  
`rew_var_mean_ter = 100` (hypothesis: a bit slower to converge)  
`rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000` (hypothesis: slower to converge)

#### b. Semi sparse environment

1. `rew_var_mean_ter = None, rew_var_mean_step = None` (hypothesis: no difference)  
`rew_var_mean_ter = None, rew_var_mean_step = 1` (hypothesis: slower to converge)
2. `rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_mean_step = None`  
(hypothesis: slower to converge)  
`rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_mean_step = 1`  
(hypothesis: very slow to converge)

#### c. Dense environment

1. `rew_var_mean_ter = None, rew_var_mean_step = None`  
`rew_var_mean_ter = None, rew_var_mean_step = 1`  
(hypothesis: a bit slower to get to max)  
`rew_var_mean_ter = None, rew_var_mean_step = 100`  
(hypothesis: slower to converge)
2. `rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_mean_step = None`  
(hypothesis: slower to converge)  
`rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_mean_step = 1`  
(hypothesis: slower to converge)  
`rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_mean_step = 100`  
(hypothesis: really slower to converge)

### 2. Modified algorithm vs normal algorithms

How does the modified algorithm compare to the normal algorithm?

→ compare on each environment with different reward variance means, and different variance variances:

(need to do one graph for each case a.1, a.2, ..., b.1, b.2, ... with a curve for each algo + curve for normal algo on env without variance on the reward – to compare how close do we get)

#### a. Sparse environment

1. `rew_var_mean_ter = None`  
(hypothesis: no difference)
2. `rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_var_ter = None`  
(hypothesis: no difference)
3. `rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_var_ter = 250 000 (+- 500)`  
(hypothesis: modified is a bit better)
4. `rew_var_mean_ter = 10 000, rew_var_var_ter = 25 000 000 (+- 5 000)`  
(hypothesis: modified is really better)

#### b. Semi sparse environment

1. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = None  
(hypothesis: no difference)
2. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = 1, rew\_var\_var\_step = None  
(hypothesis: no difference)
3. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = 1, rew\_var\_var\_step = 0.6  
(hypothesis: modified is better)
4. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = 10 000, rew\_var\_var\_ter = 25 000 000,  
rew\_var\_mean\_step = None  
(hypothesis: modified is better)
5. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = 10 000, rew\_var\_var\_ter = 25 000 000, rew\_var\_mean\_step = 1,  
rew\_var\_var\_step = 0.6  
(hypothesis: modified is way better)

c. Dense environment

1. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = None  
(hypothesis: no difference)
2. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = 1, rew\_var\_var\_step = None  
(hypothesis: no difference)
3. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = 1, rew\_var\_var\_step = 0.6  
(hypothesis: modified is a bit better)
4. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = None, rew\_var\_mean\_step = 100, rew\_var\_var\_step = 6 000  
(hypothesis: modified is a lot better)
5. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = 10 000, rew\_var\_var\_ter = None,  
rew\_var\_mean\_step = None  
(hypothesis: no difference)
6. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = 10 000, rew\_var\_var\_ter = 25 000 000,  
rew\_var\_mean\_step = None  
(hypothesis: modified is better)
7. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = 10 000, rew\_var\_var\_ter = 25 000 000,  
rew\_var\_mean\_step = 1, rew\_var\_var\_step = 0.6  
(hypothesis: modified is better)
7. rew\_var\_mean\_ter = 10 000, rew\_var\_var\_ter = 25 000 000,  
rew\_var\_mean\_step = 100, rew\_var\_var\_step = 6 000  
(hypothesis: modified is way better)